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Islamic Republic of Iran: proposed amendment to draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.11

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CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) WEAPONS

Iran (Islamic Republic of): revised proposed amendment to draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.11

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and that, upon the entry into force of the Convention, States Parties shall not maintain among themselves any restrictions, including those in any international agreements, incompatible with the obligations undertaken under the Convention,

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RATIONALIZATION OF THE WORK AND REFORM OF THE AGENDA OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

Draft resolution proposed by the Chairman

Rationalization of the work of the Disarmament and International Security Committee (First Committee)

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/54 G of 8 April 1993 particularly its paragraph 2 requesting the Chairman of the First Committee to continue consultations on the further rationalization of the work and the effective functioning of the Committee, taking into account all the views and proposals presented to the First Committee, including those related to the thematic clustering of agenda items,

Recalling further the ongoing efforts of the General Assembly aimed at revitalizing its work and noting its resolution 47/233 of 17 August 1993,

Mindful that the United Nations has a central role and responsibility in the sphere of disarmament and international security,

Recalling the Final Document of its tenth special session, the first devoted exclusively to disarmament, and the objectives and priorities set out therein, as well as the progress achieved in arms control and disarmament towards these ends,

Encouraged by the changed political climate in the post-cold-war era, which is conducive to further bilateral, regional and multilateral efforts in disarmament and aware of the consequential need to adjust the work of the United Nations, including that concerned with disarmament and international security,

Desiring to enhance the effective functioning of the United Nations disarmament machinery,

Conscious of the need to improve the interrelationship between disarmament and arms regulation issues and the broader international security context,

Encouraged by the efforts undertaken by the Secretary-General to strengthen the Secretariat's capabilities to enable it to discharge its tasks effectively,

1. Decides to enhance the effectiveness of the First Committee by:

- addressing in a more systematic manner the issues of disarmament and related matters of international security,

- streamlining its functioning and, as a first step towards that end, encouraging more detailed and focused discussion of the specific agenda items,

- reviewing annually the time and resources allotted to its work;

2. Decides also, in relation to the restructuring and reorganization of the annual agenda of the First Committee, to adopt, in order to promote the more detailed and focused discussions, a thematic approach whereby items presented by Member States are clustered in broad topic areas, such as:

- Nuclear weapons

- Other weapons of mass destruction

- Conventional weapons

- Regional disarmament and security

- Confidence-building measures including Transparency in Armaments

- Outer space (disarmament aspect)

- Disarmament machinery

- Other disarmament measures

- International security

- Related matters of disarmament and international security;

3. Requests the Chairman of the First Committee to continue consultations on the further rationalization of the work of the Committee in terms of improving its effective functioning, taking into account relevant resolutions adopted by the Committee as well as views and proposals presented to it on this issue;

4. Urges the Secretary-General to provide the appropriate means and adequate resources to the Centre for Disarmament Affairs in order to ensure that it can carry out its mandated tasks, in particular those relating to deliberation and negotiation, taking into account existing resource constraints, and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

5. Decides to review the subject of further rationalization and improvement of the work of the First Committee at its forty-ninth session.

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RATIONALIZATION OF THE WORK AND REFORM OF THE AGENDA OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

Draft resolution proposed by the Chairman

Rationalization of the work of the Disarmament and International Security Committee (First Committee)

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/54 G of 8 April 1993 particularly its paragraph 2 requesting the Chairman of the First Committee to continue consultations on the further rationalization of the work and the effective functioning of the Committee, taking into account all the views and proposals presented to the First Committee, including those related to the thematic clustering of agenda items,

Recalling further the ongoing efforts of the General Assembly aimed at revitalizing its work and noting its resolution 47/233 of 17 August 1993,

Mindful that the United Nations has a central role and responsibility in the sphere of disarmament and international security,

Recalling the Final Document of its tenth special session, the first devoted exclusively to disarmament, and the objectives and priorities set out therein as well as the progress achieved in arms control and disarmament towards these ends,

Encouraged by the changed political climate in the post-cold war era, which is conducive to further bilateral, regional and multilateral efforts in disarmament and aware of the consequential need to adjust the work of the United Nations, including that concerned with disarmament and international security,

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Desiring to enhance the effective functioning of the United Nations disarmament machinery,

Conscious of the need to improve the interrelationship between disarmament and arms regulation issues and the broader international security context,

Encouraged by the efforts undertaken by the Secretary-General to strengthen the Secretariat's capabilities to enable it to discharge its tasks effectively,

1. Decides to enhance the effectiveness of the First Committee by:

- addressing in a more systematic manner the issues of disarmament and related matters of international security,

- streamlining its functioning and, as a first step towards that end, encouraging more detailed and focused discussion of the specific agenda-items,

- reviewing annually the time and resources allotted to its work;

2. Decides also, in relation to the restructuring and reorganization of the annual agenda of the First Committee, to adopt, in order to promote the more detailed and focused discussions, a thematic approach whereby items presented by Member States are clustered in broad topic areas, such as:

- Nuclear weapons

- Other weapons of mass destruction

- Conventional weapons

- Regional disarmament and security

- Confidence-building measures including Transparency in Armaments

- Outer space (Disarmament aspects)

- Disarmament machinery

- Other disarmament measures

- International security

- Related matters of disarmament and international security;

3. Requests the Chairman of the First Committee to continue consultations on the further rationalization of the work of the Committee in terms of improving its effective functioning, taking into account relevant resolutions adopted by the Committee as well as views and proposals presented to it on this issue;

4. Urges the Secretary-General to provide the appropriate means and adequate resources to the Centre for Disarmament Affairs in order to ensure that it can carry out its mandated tasks, in particular those relating to deliberation and negotiation, taking into account existing resource constraints, and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

5. Decides to review the subject of further rationalization and improvement of the work of the First Committee at its forty-ninth session.

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REVIEW AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONCLUDING DOCUMENT OF THE TWELFTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY: REGIONAL CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES

Regional confidence-building measures

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.6

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.6, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to continue to provide assistance to the Central African States in implementing the programme of work of the Standing Advisory Committee.

B. Relationship of the request to the approved programme of work

2. The above request is related to major programme I, Maintenance of peace and security, disarmament and decolonization, programme 7, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 as revised. 1/ Related activities are reflected under subprogramme 4, Assistance to developing countries on disarmament issues: regional centres; fellowships, training and advisory services, of subsection 3B, programme of work "Disarmament", of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. 2/

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

3. It is recalled that the General Assembly, in its resolution 46/37 B of 6 December 1991, welcomed the initiative taken by the States members of the Economic Community of Central African States with a view to developing

confidence-building measures, disarmament and development in their subregion, by, in particular, the creation of a standing advisory committee on security questions in Central Africa under the auspices of the United Nations. In paragraph 3 of that resolution the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue providing assistance to the Central African States by, in particular, establishing the standing advisory committee on security questions in Central Africa.

4. It is further recalled that, in the oral statement of the Secretariat concerning the responsibilities entrusted to the Secretary-General under draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.6, the First Committee was informed that the Secretary-General would provide assistance in holding the organizational meeting of the standing advisory committee on security questions in Central Africa for five days in early 1992 in Yaounde. It was further indicated that the related requirements were estimated at $90,000 and that the Secretary-General would endeavour to cover these costs from extrabudgetary resources. Therefore, no additional appropriation was requested under section 5 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

5. The ministerial-level organizational meeting of the standing advisory committee was convened by the Secretary-General in July 1992 and financed from the Trust Fund for Global and Regional Disarmament Activities. At that meeting the Committee decided that its offices should be held by rotation for a period of six months. Accordingly, the 1993 meetings were held at Burundi and Gabon, then the Vice-Chairs of the Committee. The cost of the meetings was covered by the United Nations regular budget in the amount of $148,400.

6. Following the procedural decisions which the Committee adopted at its ministerial-level organizational meeting in July 1992, the offices of the Committee continue to be held by rotation for a period of six months. Accordingly, Congo and Angola, currently Vice-Chairs of the Committee, are expected to hold the chairmanship in 1994. Furthermore, in accordance with the Committee's programme of work and its procedures, deliberations would take place at different levels, including meetings of experts (high-level military and civilian officials), ministerial meetings and talks between the heads of State concerned at their annual meetings in the context of the Economic Community of Central African States.

7. The Secretariat understands that the assistance of the Secretary-General sought by the sponsors of the draft resolution would, as in the past, consist of convening two meetings of the Committee in 1994 and that all relevant costs of convening and holding the meetings would have to be borne by the regular budget of the United Nations.

8. The Secretary-General further understands that each meeting would be held in the countries chairing the Committee at the time of the respective meetings. Thus, the first meeting would be convened at Brazzaville, Congo, in early 1994, and the second one would be held at Luanda, Angola, six months later. The duration of each meeting would be five consecutive days and they would comprise two parts. The first part would last three days and would involve the participation of two experts (one civilian and one military) from each State member of the Economic Community of Central African States, a total of 22 participants. The second part of the meeting would be held in the remaining

two days and would involve, in addition to the experts, one additional participant from each State member of the Community at the ministerial level.

9. In endorsing recommendation 4 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations, 3/ the General Assembly, by its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 reaffirmed the existing principle that United Nations bodies should meet at their respective established headquarters. In this case, therefore, the meetings should normally have been convened at Addis Ababa, as the regional headquarters of the United Nations. Since the sponsors of the draft resolution intend to have the meetings held at Brazzaville and Luanda, an exception to this principle would be required. In addition, the payment of travel and subsistence costs to governmental representatives at the meetings, as was the case in 1993, would require an exception to the general principle that only members of United Nations organs or subsidiary organs serving in their individual capacities should receive such reimbursements.

D. Modifications required in the approved programme of work for 1994-1995

10. The activities called for by the draft resolution would fall under activities 1 (a) (ii) and 1 (b) of subprogramme 4, "Assistance to developing countries on disarmament issues: regional centres; fellowships, training and advisory services" of subsection 3B, programme of work, "Disarmament", of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. 2/ Accordingly, no modifications would be required.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

11. The requirements to undertake the activities described in paragraphs 7 and 8 above are estimated as follows.

1. Meeting at Brazzaville (five days, 1994)

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(a)	Conference-servicing costs	
	1. Rental of conference room	7 000
	2. Interpretation (E,F)	6 000
	3. Rental of office equipment	1 000
	Subtotal (a)	14 000
(b)	Non-conference-servicing costs	
	1. Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 22 experts for attendance for six days	41 000
	2. Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 11 governmental representatives at the ministerial level for attendance for three days	14 900
	3. Travel and daily subsistence allowance for two staff members from New York - the Secretary of the Committee and one General Service staff from the Centre for Disarmament Affairs - and one staff member from the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament at Lomé	14 300
	Subtotal (b)	70 200
	Total 1 (a) + (b)	84 200

2. Meeting at Luanda (five days, 1994)

		$
(a)	Conference-servicing costs	
	1. Rental of conference room	7 700
	2. Interpretation (E,F)	6 600
	3. Rental of office equipment	1 200
	Subtotal (a)	15 500
(b)	Non-conference-servicing costs	
	1. Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 22 experts for attendance for five days	65 200
	2. Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 11 governmental representatives at the ministerial level for attendance for three days	22 700
	3. Travel and daily subsistence allowance for two staff members from New York - the Secretary of the Committee and one General service staff from the Centre for Disarmament Affairs - and one staff member from the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament at Lomé	19 200
	Subtotal (b)	107 100
	Total 2 (a) + (b)	122 600
	Grand total 1 and 2	206 800

F. Potential for absorption

12. Provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 to undertake the activities enumerated in section C above. No additional appropriation would therefore be required.

G. Indication of additional requirements

13. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.6, no additional requirements would arise under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. The General Assembly would, however, need to grant an exception to allow the meetings to be held away from established United Nations headquarters sites and to pay for travel and subsistence costs of governmental representatives.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/47/6/Rev.1 and corrigendum), vol. I.

2/ A/48/6 (Sect. 3B).

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/41/49).

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE DENUCLEARIZATION OF AFRICA

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Africa

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.19

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 7 of draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.19, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity (OAU), to take appropriate action to enable the Group of Experts designated by the United Nations in cooperation with OAU to meet during 1994 at Windhoek and Addis Ababa, in order to finalize the drafting of a treaty on a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Africa, and to submit the text of the treaty to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session under an agenda item entitled, "Final text of a treaty on an African nuclear-weapon-free zone".

B. Relationship of the request to the approved programme of work

2. The above request is related to major programme I, Maintenance of peace and security, disarmament and decolonization, programme 7, Disarmament, of the revised medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, 1/ and subsection 3 (Department of Political Affairs), of section 3 (Political Affairs), of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. 2/

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

3. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would organize a two-week session in February 1994 in Windhoek, and a five-day session in April/May 1994 in Addis Ababa, for the group of 12 experts. In endorsing recommendation 4 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations 3/ the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 reaffirmed the existing principle that United Nations bodies should meet at their respective established headquarters. In the present case, both meetings should normally have been convened at Addis Ababa, as the regional headquarters of the United Nations; therefore an exception to this principle would be required in respect of the meeting to be convened at Windhoek.

4. It is the understanding of the Secretary-General that the Office of Conference Services would not be requested to provide conference services directly, but that the regular budget of the United Nations would bear all costs related to the convening of the two sessions, namely, conference-servicing, travel and daily subsistence for the experts and appropriate substantive support services to the Group of Experts.

D. Modifications required in the proposed programme of work for 1994-1995

5. The submission of the report to the General Assembly called for by the draft resolution would fall under activity 2 (a), "Parliamentary documentation", of subprogramme 1 of subsection 3B, programme of work "Disarmament", of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. With regard to the substantive servicing of the Group of Experts, it would be necessary to add the following citation under activity 2 (b) "Substantive services" of subprogramme 1 of programme of work "Disarmament", of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995:

"(v) Group of Experts designated in 1991 by the United Nations in cooperation with OAU within the framework of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/56 A (two sessions in 1994)."

E. Additional requirements at full cost

6. The requirements related to the activities described in paragraphs 3 and 4 above are estimated at full cost as follows.

1. Meeting at Windhoek, Namibia (two weeks, 1994)

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(a)	Conference-servicing costs	
(i)	Rental of conference room	6 000
(ii)	Interpretation (E,F)	12 000
(iii)	Rental of office equipment	1 000
(iv)	Translation (E,F)	1 900
	Subtotal (a)	20 900
(b)	Non-conference-servicing costs	
(i)	Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 12 experts	51 000
(ii)	Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 2 staff members (1 Professional and 1 General Service) from the Centre for Disarmament Affairs	13 900
	Subtotal (b)	64 900
	Total I, (a) and (b)	85 800

2. Meeting at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (five days, 1994)

(a)	Conference-servicing costs	
	Interpretation (E,F)	6 000
(b)	Non-conference-servicing costs	
(i)	Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 12 experts	33 700
(ii)	Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 2 staff members (1 Professional and 1 General Service) from the Centre for Disarmament Affairs	10 100
	Subtotal (b)	43 800
	Total II, (a) and (b)	49 800
	Grand total I and II	135 600

F. Potential for absorption

7. The Centre for Disarmament Affairs of the Department of Political Affairs would make use of its resources under ad hoc expert groups ($84,700), travel of staff ($24,000) and general operating expenses ($26,900) to provide the necessary services to the meetings. No additional appropriation would therefore be required.

G. Indication of additional requirements

8. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.19, no additional requirements would arise under section 3B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. The General Assembly would, however, need to grant an exception to its principle to hold United Nations meetings at its established headquarters in respect of the meetings to be convened at Windhoek.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/47/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

2/ A/48/6 (Sect. 3).

3 Ibid., Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/41/49).

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VERIFICATION IN ALL ITS ASPECTS, INCLUDING THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE FIELD OF VERIFICATION

India: proposed amendment to revised draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.45/Rev.1

Third preambular paragraph, lines 4 and 5

Delete "specific" and "at the global, regional and local levels"

Operative paragraph 2 (a), lines 4 and 5

Delete "specific" and "at the global, regional and local levels"

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COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR-TEST-BAN TREATY

REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH SPECIAL SESSION: REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1994-1995

Comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty

Report of the Conference on Disarmament

Programme budget implications of draft resolutions A/C.1/48/L.40 and A/C.1/48/L.41

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 3 of draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.40, the General Assembly would urge the Conference on Disarmament at the commencement of its 1994 session to re-establish, with an appropriate negotiating mandate, the Ad Hoc Committee on item 1 of its agenda, entitled "Nuclear test ban".

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 5 of draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.40, the General Assembly would urge also the Conference on Disarmament to proceed intensively, as a priority task, in its negotiation of a universal and internationally and effectively verifiable test-ban treaty.

3. Under the terms of operative paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.40 and operative paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.41, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to ensure the provision, to the Conference on Disarmament, of additional administrative, substantive and conference support services for its negotiations.

B. Relationship of the request to the proposed programme of work

4. The above request is related to major programme I, Maintenance of peace and security, disarmament and decolonization, programme 7, Disarmament, of the revised medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, 1/ and programme of activity "Disarmament" of subsection 3B, Department of Political Affairs, section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. 2/

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

5. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolutions, the Secretary-General would move to provide the required support to the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban, which is expected to be re-established by the Conference on Disarmament at the commencement of its 1994 session, and to the negotiation of a universal and internationally and effectively verifiable comprehensive test-ban treaty. This would require a provision to the Geneva Branch of the Centre for Disarmament Affairs in 1994 of additional general temporary assistance funds in the total amount of $184,000 in order to cover the services of one P-5 ($118,100) and one General Service (Other level) ($65,900) staff for a period of 10 work-months each. The Conference on Disarmament will also be provided with adequate conference services for the inter-sessional meetings on negotiations on the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty in the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban, including documentation and interpretation in all six official languages. It is anticipated that the inter-sessional meetings would require in 1994 conference services for seven meetings per week during the following periods: 5 April-6 May, 4-22 July, 12 September-7 October and 28 November-16 December. It is understood that the Conference on Disarmament may decide to adjust these dates depending on the status of negotiations.

D. Modifications required in the proposed programme of work for 1994-1995

6. The activities called for by the draft resolutions would fall under paragraph 2 (b) (iii) of subprogramme 1 of subsection 3B, Department of Political Affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. Accordingly, no modifications would be required.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

7. The implementation of the requests contained in operative paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.40 and operative paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.41 would require a total additional provision of $184,000 under general temporary assistance, as follows:

	Thousands of United States dollars
Salary and common staff costs of one P-5 staff for 10 work-months in 1994	118.1
Salary and common staff costs of one General Service (Other level) staff for 10 work-months in 1994	65.9
Total	184.0

In addition, it is estimated that $51,500 would be required under section 28 (Staff assessment), to be offset by the same amount under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment). It is envisaged that the provision of conference services for the inter-sessional meetings on negotiations on the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty in the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban, including provision of documentation and interpretation in all six official languages, will be made from within resources programmed under subsection 25E, Office of Conference Services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. Accordingly, no additional requirements for conference services would arise. Requirements relating to substantive and conference services for the Conference on Disarmament in 1995 will be reviewed during 1994 in the light of the evolving workload and, if necessary, a further report would be submitted for consideration by the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

F. Potential for absorption

8. No provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 under subsection 3B, Department of Political Affairs, of section 3, Political affairs, to cover the estimated additional requirements of $184,000 related to the provision of additional support to the Conference on Disarmament. Therefore, it is not anticipated that the cost of $184,000 would be absorbed from within the provision under subsection 3B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

G. Indication of additional requirements

9. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolutions A/C.1/48/L.40 and A/C.1/48/L.41, it is estimated that additional requirements of $184,000 for general temporary assistance would arise under subsection 3B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. Furthermore, an amount of $51,500 would be required under section 28 (Staff assessment), to be offset by the same amount under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment).

H. Contingency fund

10. It will be recalled that under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, a contingency fund is

established each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from the legislative mandates not provided for in the proposed programme budget. Under the same procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed resources available from the contingency fund, these activities can be implemented only through redeployment of resources available from low-priority areas or modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred until a later biennium. A consolidated statement of all programme budget implications and revised estimates will be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of the current session.

11. Should it not prove possible to meet the costs required from the contingency fund, the implementation of the draft resolutions would have to be effected either through termination, deferral, curtailment or modification of some activities related to subprogrammes 2, Publications and United Nations Disarmament Information Programme, and 3, Monitoring, analysis and studies, programmed under subsection 3B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, as these two subprogrammes are not designated high priority in the revised medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, or the implementation would have to be postponed, as provided for in the guidelines for the use and operation of the contingency fund adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987.

I. Summary

12. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolutions A/C.1/48/L.40 and A/C.1/48/L.41, it is estimated that additional appropriations of $184,000 would be required for general temporary assistance under subsection 3B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 for the servicing of the Conference on Disarmament in 1994. Furthermore, an amount of $51,500 would be required under section 28 (Staff assessment), to be offset by the same amount under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment).

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/47/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

2/ Ibid., Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/48/6 (Sect. 3B)).

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QUESTION OF ANTARCTICA

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Question of Antarctica

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "Question of Antarctica",

Recalling its resolutions 38/77 of 15 December 1983, 39/152 of 17 December 1984, 40/156 A and B of 16 December 1985, 41/88 A and B of 4 December 1986, 42/46 A and B of 30 November 1987, 43/83 A and B of 7 December 1988, 44/124 A and B of 15 December 1989, 45/78 A and B of 12 December 1990, 46/41 A and B of 6 December 1991 and 47/57 of 9 December 1992,

Recalling also the relevant paragraphs of the final documents adopted by the second meeting of States of the Zone of Peace and Cooperation of the South Atlantic, held at Abuja from 25 to 29 June 1990, 1/ the Twentieth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held at Istanbul from 4 to 8 August 1991, 2/

1/ See A/45/474, annex.

2/ See A/46/486-S/23055, annexes I and III; see Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-sixth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1991, document S/23055.

the meeting of the Commonwealth Heads of Government, held at Harare from 16 to 22 October 1991 3/ and the Tenth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Jakarta from 1 to 6 September 1992, 4/

Taking into account the debates on this item held since its thirty-eighth session,

Reaffirming the principle that the international community is entitled to information covering all aspects of Antarctica and that the United Nations should be made the repository for all such information in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 41/88 A, 42/46 B, 43/83 A, 44/124 B, 45/78 A, 46/41 A and 47/57,

Welcoming the decision of the Antarctica Treaty Consultative Parties to submit to the Secretary-General the final report of the Seventeenth Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting, which took place at Venice from 11 to 20 November 1992,

Conscious of the particular significance of Antarctica to the international community in terms, inter alia, of international peace and security, environment, its effects on global climate conditions, economy and scientific research,

Conscious also of the interrelationship between Antarctica and the physical, chemical and biological processes that regulate the total Earth system,

Welcoming the increasing recognition of the significant impact that Antarctica exerts on the global environment and ecosystems,

Welcoming the recognition by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held at Rio de Janeiro from 3 to 14 June 1992, of the value of Antarctica as an area for the conduct of scientific research, in particular research essential to understanding the global environment,

Welcoming also the increasing support, including by some Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties, for the establishment of Antarctica as a nature reserve or world park to ensure the protection and conservation of its environment and its dependent and associated ecosystems for the benefit of all mankind,

Welcoming further the ongoing trend in acknowledging the need for internationally coordinated scientific research stations in Antarctica in order to minimize unnecessary duplication and logistical support facilities,

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3/ A/46/708, annex, communiqué, para. 44.

4/ See A/47/675-S/24816, annex; see Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-seventh Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1992, document S/24816.

Welcoming further the increasing awareness of an interest in Antarctica shown by the international community, and convinced of the advantages to the whole of mankind of a better knowledge of Antarctica,

Reaffirming that the management and use of Antarctica should be conducted in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and in the interest of maintaining international peace and security and of promoting international cooperation for the benefit of mankind as a whole,

Convinced of the need for concerted international cooperation in order to protect and safeguard Antarctica and its dependent ecosystems from external environmental disturbances for future generations,

1. Takes note of the report 5/ of the Secretary-General on the report of the Seventeenth Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting, which took place in Venice from 11 to 20 November;

2. Welcomes the report of the Secretary-General on the state of the environment in Antarctica, 6/ and requests the Secretary-General to explore the possibilities of publishing, as official documents of the United Nations, extracts of data received from the various organizations in the preparation of future annual reports, within existing resources;

3. While noting the cooperation of some United Nations specialized agencies and programmes at the Seventeenth Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting, reiterates the need for the Secretary-General or his representative to be invited to the meetings of the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties;

4. While welcoming the decision of the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties to provide information regarding the Seventeenth Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting, encourages the Parties to provide to the Secretary-General, on a continuing basis, more information and documents covering all aspects of Antarctica, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on his evaluations thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

5. Welcomes the commitment made by the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties under chapter 17 of Agenda 21 of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, as provided for in article III of the Antarctic Treaty, to continue:

(a) To ensure that data and information resulting from scientific research activities conducted in Antarctica are freely available to the international community;

(b) To enhance access of the international scientific community and specialized agencies of the United Nations to such data and information, including the encouragement of periodic seminars and symposia;

5/ A/48/482, chap. II.

6/ A/48/449.

6. Urges the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties to build on the agreements achieved at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, particularly as noted in paragraph 5 of the present resolution, and, in this connection, actively to consider the possibility of organizing an annual seminar/symposium covering issues relating to the environment, commencing in 1994, with as wide international participation as possible, including that of international organizations such as the United Nations;

7. Also urges the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties to establish monitoring and implementation mechanisms to ensure compliance with the provisions of the 1991 Madrid Protocol on Environmental Protection;

8. Welcoming the ban on prospecting and mining in and around Antarctica for the next fifty years by Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties in accordance with the Madrid Protocol, and reiterates its call for the ban to be made permanent;

9. Reiterates its call that any move at drawing up an international convention to establish a nature reserve or world park in Antarctica and its dependent and associated ecosystems must be negotiated with the full participation of the international community;

10. While welcoming the concrete steps taken by the Secretariat through the publication by the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat on Antarctica, reaffirms the need to promote further public awareness of the importance of Antarctica to the ecosystem, and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide relevant materials on Antarctica through the Department of Public Information within existing resources;

11. Encourages the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties to increase the level of cooperation and collaboration with a view to reducing the number of scientific stations in Antarctica and to handle tourism effectively through transparent environmental impact assessment studies;

12. Urges the international community to ensure that all activities in Antarctica are carried out exclusively for the purpose of peaceful scientific investigation and that all such activities will ensure the maintenance of international peace and security and the protection of the Antarctic environment and are for the benefit of all mankind;

13. Urges all States Members of the United Nations to cooperate with the Secretary-General on matters pertaining to Antarctica;

14. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Question of Antarctica".